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Utah Conservation Officers Conduct Checkpoint at Strawberry Reservoir

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Officers with The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) conducted an administrative checkpoint on Saturday, June 11. Conducted to ensure compliance with wildlife regulations at Strawberry Reservoir, the majority of anglers contacted were pleased by the effort. Some, however, were not. Despite the fact that special cutthroat trout regulations have been in place for nine years, and UDWR officers have routinely held checkpoints since that time, violations are still encountered and dealt with accordingly.

Administrative checkpoints are an effective wildlife enforcement option that allows officers to contact a significant number of resource users in an efficient manner. It provides the opportunity to ensure compliance with regulations, and thereby better protect Utah's wildlife.

On Saturday, officers contacted 547 fishermen in 208 vehicles - which is significantly below the average of 325 vehicles encountered in past checkpoints. Officers attribute the reduced contact rates to high water, low temperatures and difficult fishing this spring. Additionally, road construction in the area has complicated travel. Despite conditions, several individuals still managed to catch limits of fish.

Violations discovered at checkpoint were:

- 6- Unlawful Possession of Protected Wildlife
- 6- Open Container of Alcohol
- 5- Failure to Leave Evidence of Species
- 2- No Fishing License
- 1- Possession of Live Aquatic Wildlife
- 1- Unlawful Possession of Wood Products
- 1- Driving Under the Influence
- 1- Unlawful Possession of SPICE
- 1- Littering
- 1- Expired Vehicle Registration
- 1- Broken Windshield



SGT. DAVIS DISPLAYS ILLEGALLY TAKEN FISH SEIZED AT A RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKPOINT CONDUCTED NEAR STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR

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